



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

SYRINGOMYELIA AWARENESS MONTH

WHEREAS: First discovered in 1803, Syringomyelia, also known as SM, is a chronic and progressive disorder of the spinal cord; and

WHEREAS: Syringomyelia occurs when fluid found outside the spinal cord and brain enters the interior spinal cord forming a cavity known as a syrinx. The disorder can cause neurological issues and damage to the spinal cord, resulting in neuropathic pain syndromes, possible paralysis, and other serious and disabling symptoms; and

WHEREAS: Thousands of men, women, and children throughout the nation have suffered the widespread physical symptoms associated with Syringomyelia; and

WHEREAS: There is currently only limited treatment and no known cure for patients with this disorder as well as a lack of knowledge in the general public and medical community. The American Syringomyelia & Chiari Alliance Project recognizes May as Syringomyelia Awareness Month in an effort to provide support, fund research, and educate the public on this chronic disorder; and

WHEREAS: It is necessary to increase awareness of Syringomyelia in order to improve the quality of life for all those afflicted with this disorder; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim May 2017 as SYRINGOMYELIA AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 23rd day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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